

EVAN FONTAINE TELLS HOW "SONNY" STOLE FIRST KISS FROM HER

BECAME INTIMATE AT DINNER

Miss Fontaine Says She Was Reluctant to Accept His Advances.

By EVAN BURROWS FONTAINE, The Paternity of Whose Child Is Made the Basis of a Legal Action Against Young Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney.

LOS ANGELES, July 27.—I promised in my article yesterday that today I would tell you about the bathing party which Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney staged at 3 o'clock in the morning at the country home of his father, Harry Payne Whitney, at Westbury, Long Island.

The beautiful Roman bath in the building back of the Whitney home was soon aglow with lights, and it took us but a few minutes to don the bathing suits which "Sonny" Whitney had provided.

Yes! Ham and Eggs.

I am very fond of swimming and enjoyed myself immensely.

Occasionally we would come out of the pool and loll around and play ukeleles.

It wasn't long before we all were hungry. When somebody suggested breakfast, we were all for it.

We dressed quickly and climbed into "Laddie's" big locomotive and went to the Red Lion Inn near Roslyn for ham and eggs.

When Sonny took me home I did not think anything further would come of this night of entertainment. That only goes to show how little we know of the future.

Now I want to tell of the first time Sonny Whitney kissed me. Let me say as I do, however, that when these rich young men start to court a girl, they spare no expense and effort to win her.

I was the honored guest at an elaborate dinner two or three weeks after the swimming party. A college chum of Sonny's, Tudor Wilkenson, gave the dinner in his rooms at the Vanderbilt Hotel.

She Let Him Talk.

Don't misunderstand me in these articles, for I don't aim to picture myself as a Quaker maid, all coyness and innocence. I am as human as any other girl, and I have as yet to meet the woman who is not flattered by attention.

After the dinner, Tudor said he would take the other guests home, and then return for Sonny and me. This left us alone in Tudor's room. Whether this situation was carefully planned in advance is a question. Rich young men are not at all adverse to doing this sort of thing.

At any rate, Sonny and I remained and talked. He is rather interesting at times, and I relaxed and let him converse at will. Before long the subjects had drifted to love, reincarnation, lovers in previous existences, and how some people are attached to each other as though ordained.

Suddenly I realized that Sonny had his arm about me. While I am not what might be termed finicky, I have always had an aversion to being "pawed." Do you remember the leading character in "The Masquerader"? He was like that, too, and continually objected to people "pawing" him. Why is it so many men insist on demonstrating their affection or what they call their affection, by pawing all over women? If they only knew how distasteful pawing is to women, they would not seek to make love in that way.

I removed Sonny's arm. In a few minutes, as we walked, his arm was back again. I was becoming rather weary, wondered vaguely why Tudor was away so long, and think I must have dozed. I was

TELLS OF FIRST KISS THAT WHITNEY STOLE



MISS EVAN BURROWS FONTAINE.

Oriental dancer, says Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, young man of wealth, had his arm around her, and she was just sort of dozing off, when what in the world did he do but boldly plant a kiss on her unpuckered lips.

It seemed to me he certainly was presuming considerable on an acquaintance which was hardly three weeks old—and I told him so. He pretended to regret his actions, apologized, and declared that he was in love with me.

Love—the Main Thing.

He was so sincere in saying this that I was convinced he was in earnest. By now I had begun to see qualities in Sonny. I knew he was the son of a very rich man, but the money element did not in the least influence me. And I want to reiterate right here that when I marry again—if ever—money is not going to be a consideration. Love makes happiness, not money.

It should be kept in mind that at the time Sonny was courting me, I was the wife of Sterling Larence Adair. I had begun proceedings to obtain an annulment. The serving of papers, however, was delayed by our inability to locate Sterling.

The Whitney people have said unkind things about me, and have indicated that Sterling was the father of my little boy.

Before I go any further in my story of Sonny's courtship, I am going to tell you how and why Sterling Adair was not the father of my child. You'll find it in The Washington Times tomorrow.

Young Whitney's Sister Acted As Mail Carrier For Letter to Dancer

By International News Service. NEW YORK, July 27.—How young Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, used his sister

NIGHT ATTACK CONTINUED ON BUFFALO CARS

Barrage of Stones, Billiard Balls, and Bottles Greet Effort to Break Strike.

By International News Service. BUFFALO, July 27.—With windows broken and bodies dented, the night cars operated by the International Railway Company were run into the barns this morning after having undergone an apparently systematic bombardment by striking employees and sympathizers. Scarcely a car escaped unscratched.

One arrest was made. A policeman riding in a street car fired four shots at a youth who is alleged to have stoned the trolley, subsequently arresting him. Besides stones, billiard balls and ammonia bottles were employed by strike sympathizers to express their resentment against the company's plan to operate cars at night.

On one line, police caught 100 men, women, and children who had armed themselves with bottles and stones, ready to assault passing trolleys. State troops still patrol the streets, despite demands made of the governor for their removal.

Efforts to prove legally that "Sonny" Whitney is the father of her child.

The Poetic View.

Enclosed with this letter is a poem from a collection of Indian poems reading: "If mine own hand had written my fate, I would rather have been The fruit of wild, romantic love Than a child of dull routine."

Still another inclosure was a handful of crushed autumn leaves.

Evan's Old Sweetheart Advanced Her Money for Hospital Expense

By Universal Service.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Money to bring "Sonny" Whitney, the nineteen-month-old baby of Evan Burrows Fontaine, into the world was advanced by Jay J. Meagher, a Chicago stock broker.

This interesting angle to the sensational charges surrounding the discovery of his romance with Evan Burrows Fontaine, pretty Oriental dancer, is revealed in an excerpt from one of the wealthy young Yale student's letters, made public today.

"Foolie" will take this letter and mail it for me," young Whitney wrote. "I am not allowed to leave the camp."

The letter began, "Dearest Sweetheart" and wound up, "Devotedly and lovingly, Sonny."

It is expected to figure among the exhibits of the suit which the dancer's mother says is being brought against young Whitney to "enforce" the legitimacy rights of Miss Fontaine's baby, "Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, Jr."

Mrs. Tower, then Miss Flora Payne Whitney, was helping her brother to while away the loneliness of his "exile" from Broadway.

Paddled Ten Miles.

Miss Whitney, in her capacity as "mail carrier" would take the letters to Racquet Lake, the nearest postoffice, ten miles away; sometimes by buckboard and at other times by canoe, rowing the entire distance, it is said.

Whether Miss Whitney was ignorant of the strenuous efforts being made by her parents to break up the young man's attachment for the dancer or whether she connived in the youth's scheme to outwit his parents is not known. At any rate, it was through her efforts that Miss Fontaine has been supplied with some of the most prized exhibits of the array of "documentary evidence" she is preparing to introduce in her

Love Poems.

The fateful story of this dark-haired, somnolent-eyed dancer's love for young Whitney is traced in a well-thumbed volume of poems wherein she apparently has noted milestones in her path of romance by marking and emphasizing specific stanzas, while at the top of other poems she has boldly written his name.

The poems are those of that vivid expressionist of hopeless love, and fiery passion, the mystic Orient, "Laurence Hope," a masculine cloak for a feminine bard who also wrote the widely read "India's Love Lyrics."

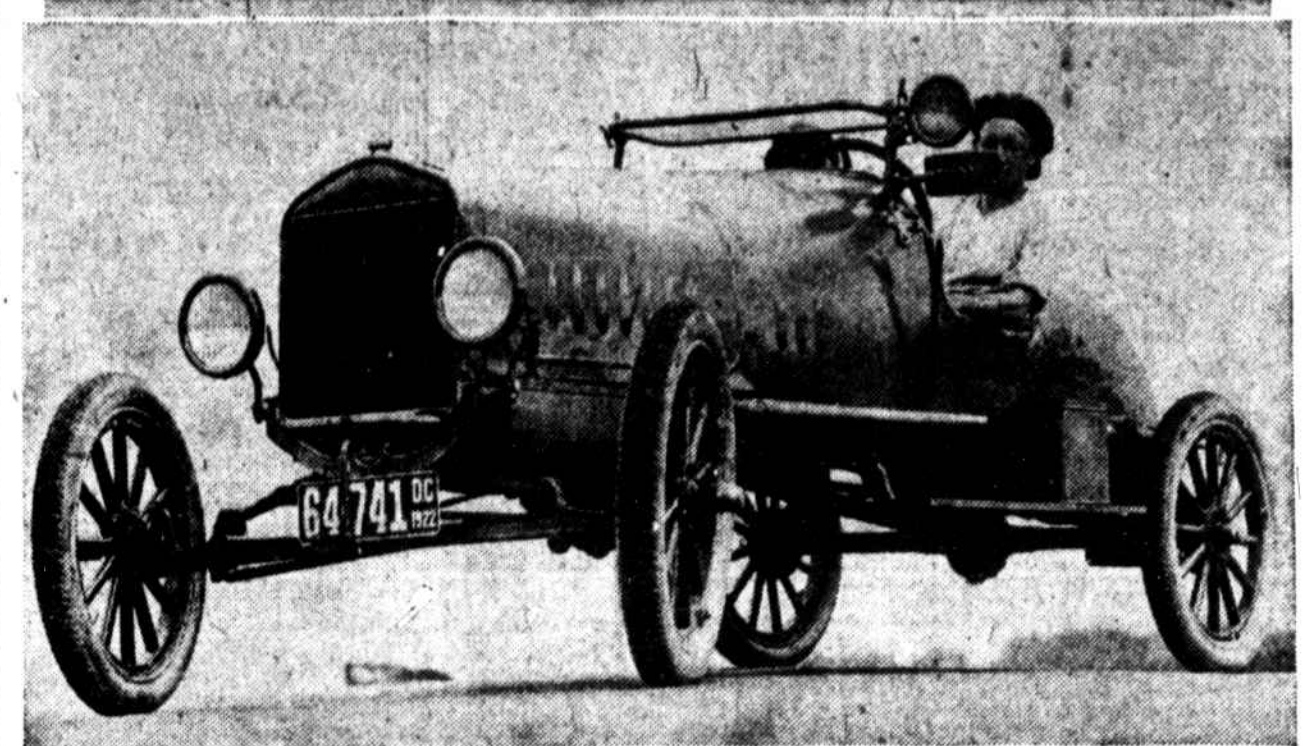
Evan, too, appears to be somewhat of a sweet singer of sentiment herself, for on the fly leaf of the Laurence Hope book she has penciled and dedicated a poem to "Sonny."

I NEVER KNEW. I never knew That skies were blue Until I gazed at them with you. I never knew that hearts were true Until I looked in The heart of YOU.

I never knew That flowers grew in radiant fields Till I met YOU. I never knew That clouds were few Till sunshine proved A part of YOU.

Deep and tender significance is to be read in the Laurence Hope book, on page four, where one is a four-stanza poem entitled, "I Shall Forget." Written down with a pencil at the top of the page is this notation: "Dedicated to 'Son-

THIS FORD WILL TRAVEL 75 MILES AN HOUR NEXT SATURDAY--PERHAPS



Equipped with a sixteen overhead valve motor capable of developing thirty-five horse-power and making a speed of seventy-five miles an hour, the Ford automobile owned by Captain Copper, of the Bureau of Standards, will be seen in the three-mile event in the auto, motorcycle and bicycle races at Arlington track Saturday afternoon. The race meet will be under the auspices of Vincent B. Costello Post, American Legion.

The driver in the picture is F. C. Norris and the mechanic is J. J. Le Pore, both of Washington.

LEGION LEADER DUBS VETERANS' BUREAU FAILURE

Asks It Be Abolished and New Start Made on War Welfare Program.

The Veterans' Bureau was declared to be an absolute failure last night by William F. Franklin, commander of Vincent B. Costello Post, American Legion, when he addressed a meeting of George Washington Post.

"Wipe out all legislation designed to benefit the world war veterans," he said, "and appoint a commission such as was the railroad administration, the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the war finance committee. If the Emergency Fleet Corporation wants a million or two to rebuild the interior of the Levant, it is not guided by section this and paragraph that. It invites bids and the accepted bidder is ordered to begin the work at once."

"Let a commission have jurisdiction over the deserving veterans and give it a free hand. An instance of how the Veterans' Bureau is bound by castiron rules and laws is found in the case of a young man who was discharged from the army because he was suspected of having tuberculosis. He was given compensation for awhile and then it was discovered that he was not suffering from the dread disease. Instantly his compensation ceased."

"He came here to Washington, but his mission to adjust matters was without avail. He applied for the position of policeman and passed the medical examination 100 per cent, but the Civil Service Commission declined his application for position in this capacity because of his record in the army. Mind you, he was given an honorable discharge. By occupation he is a cook, but when he made application for position in this capacity he was told that he was not wanted in the kitchen."

"If a commission had jurisdiction over such matters it could see at glance the justice of rewarding such a man. The Veterans' Bureau is powerless to help because of existing legislation. This man has a wife and kitchen."

Congressman Lamar Jeffers, of Alabama, a veteran of the world war, praised the post for its efforts in trying to establish a permanent home. A special committee was appointed to canvass the city for new members. It is aimed to increase the membership to 1,500 by Labor Day.

ny Whitney on Sunday, December 14, 1919."

Healed Her Scars.

It was only a short time previous to this date that young Whitney came to her rooms in the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York, Miss Fontaine told the Cosmopolitan News Service correspondent, by his fervent protestations of deathless love, figuratively and literally, dominated her.

The poem follows, the capitalized words being those which Evan underscored with a pencil: "Although my life, which THOU HAS SCARRED, AD SHAKEN, Retains a while some influence of thee,

As shells, by FAITHLESS waves Still murmur with the sea. I shall forget Not thine, the haunting beauty, Which, once beheld, forever holds the heart Or, if resigned from stress of FATE, Takes part of life away—the dearest."

By Cosmopolitan News Service. NEW YORK, July 27.—Further light on the persistent efforts of Miss Evan Fontaine, the dancer, to win recognition from the Whitney family for her little son, whose father she declares is Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, developed today.

It was learned that along toward Christmas in 1921, when the boy was about a year old, that he had some postcard photographs taken—in rural setting effect—and that one of them was sent by messenger to Harry Payne Whitney, multi-millionaire father of "Sonny" Whitney, bearing this note on the back:

"I am your little grandson. Won't you please love me?"

It was delivered to the palatial Whitney home in Fifth avenue.

DELINQUENCY IN TAXES WILL CARRY PENALTY

Twenty Per Cent Surtax Will Be Added if Payments Are Not Made on Time.

Washingtonians who are hesitating about filing their personal taxes should remember that a 20 per cent penalty is added to the bill if it is not filed by next Tuesday, which is the time limit, W. P. Richards, District assessor, said today. It was said that the people are not paying their bills in proportion to the time allowed them. In other words, a thousand a day should make their returns, whereas only about 500 are visiting the tax collector. It is expected that a general rush will be made at the last minute.

Next year the taxes will be collected in two installments, one in May and the other in November. The reason for the change is because Congress frowned on the plan of drawing on the United States Treasury for a whole year's financial support. Congress advances the money to operate the city government, and when the taxes are collected the Treasury is refunded. Under the new arrangement only half the amount will be advanced to the city government.

Auditor Daniel Donovan has figured out a rate which will insure to the city government a surplus after all expenses are defrayed. The extra amount will not be very much, but the nucleus of the fund will be assured. Eventually it is hoped that this fund will grow sufficiently to enable the city government to meet expenses without having to draw upon the United States Treasury for advances. Should the surplus accumulate to such proportions and the \$5,000,000, which is being discussed in Congress, should be given the city, the local government will have sufficient on hand to meet any emergency.

U. S. ORDERS FOR COAL

KITES COST IN BRITAIN

LONDON, July 27.—British coal prices are skyrocketing as the result of orders from the United States. During the week ending today the price advanced approximately one dollar on the ton. Trans-Atlantic freight rates have increased about \$1.20 on the ton.

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